

Parish Webcam - Update

We apologise for the recent outage in our webcam service. The number of complaints/calls received at the Parish Office indicates how important the service is to people in many parts of the world.

The cameras are again working, albeit on a temporary basis. We hope these broadcasts will continue while we connect with a new supplier and establish a dependable and permanent service. Please share this news with those who are dependant on our service.

Month's Mind Mass for Bishop Freeman

The month's mind Mass for the late Bishop Seamus Freeman will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny at 5.30pm on next Sunday, 16th October 2022. All are welcome to join in prayer for our late bishop.

National Synthesis of the Synod

The official National Synthesis of the recent Synod is now available in hard copy. It is free and available at the door of the churches. Digital copies are also available on www.ossory.ie The Synod working group is very conscious of the many people who gave of their time to be part of this process here in Ossory and felt by distributing this they would see their contributions reflected.

October: Mission Month

World Mission Sunday (23rd October 2022) is the day on which the global Church comes together in support of mission. It is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission can continue. This year's theme is 'You shall be my witnesses'

In two week's time collections will take place in every parish where the Church is present. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family play their part in supporting each other.

All offerings made on World Mission Sunday become part of the Pope's Universal Solidarity Fund. This fund is a lifeline for struggling missionaries and the communities they serve across Africa, Asia and Latin America, where over 1,100 mission dioceses are found. These dioceses are often in remote areas devastated by war and natural disasters or where suppressed communities are just opening up to the life-saving message of Jesus Christ. The World Mission Sunday collection offers young dioceses the financial and spiritual assistance they need to help their men, women and children survive and thrive. Please support our annual collection.

Address: St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. R95 ND2W

Email: stjohns@ossory.ie **Website:** www.stjohnskilkenny.com

Office: 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Áine Butler; **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline: Thursdays 12.00 noon

SVP Help Line: 086 895 1239

Fr Dan Carroll: 087 907 7769. Fr Raymond Dempsey: 089 497 1924.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll;
Claire Coogan; Fr Raymond Dempsey; Luke Leydon; Iris O'Flynn; Karena Phelan.**

IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Ms. Kathleen Sherry, 085 802 1633 - dlp@ossory.ie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Mary Weadick; Máirín Bergin; Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline
1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

Roman Catholic Diocese and Parishes of Ossory - Registered Charity No. 20015831

Parish Of Saint John The Evangelist

incorporating | St John's | Dunmore | Johnswell | church areas

MASS TIMES

St John's – Sundays & Holy Days: Vigil: 6.00pm; Sun: 8.00am, 11.30am & 7.00pm.

Polish Mass: 2nd Sat. Monthly, 7.00pm; **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9th October 2022

Ms. Ann Daly

It was great to welcome the St. John's Senior School Community to St. John's Church on Thursday afternoon as they celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving for the work of Ms. Ann Daly to our parish school. Pupils, staff, parents, Board of Management, past pupils, grandparents, the priests, Ms. Daly's Family, former colleagues and members of the parish community gathered to praise God for Ann's talents and dedication to St. John's Senior School since March 1986. It was a wonderful and fitting celebration and a great tribute to Ms. Daly's dedicated service in our school and parish. Needless to say, there was much music and singing and, while all were sad to see Ms. Daly retire we celebrated her achievements and wished her well for the future.

Ms. Daly, a native of County Kerry, joined the staff of our school thirty-six and a half years ago and has worked untiringly for the benefit of our children and community. She taught children in every grade, worked for a time as Home/School/Community Liaison Coordinator and, during the past number of years, has undertaken the role of Deputy Principal. Ms. Daly has made an indelible mark on our school and leaves it in a much better position. May the Lord, who gave her so many gifts and talents which she freely shared, reward her for her goodness. The priests and members of the Parish Pastoral Council lead the people of our parish in wishing Ms. Daly and her family all the best in her retirement.

New Shrine Candles

We have recently introduced new shrine candles at St. John's Church. To date members of the congregation have been very complimentary and approve of the change. We changed the shrines because the company providing the traditional 'Penny Candles' used at Our Lady's Shrine, has ceased production. Forced to change our type of candle at that shrine we decided to introduce a new environmentally friendly system which means we won't have to dispose of hundreds of little plastic containers each week. Sadly, as in most circumstances nowadays, we had to increase the donation for each candle. We now propose a minimum contribution of 50c per light.

Because of the beautiful and traditional nature of the candelabra in Dunmore and Johnswell we are not going to replace them for the moment. We would love to hear from anyone who knows of the provenance of the candelabra at Dunmore and Johnswell. Do you know when were they installed? Who put them in place? Are there any stories associated with them?

Ossory Times

The latest edition of Ossory Times – our Ossory diocesan magazine – has been delivered. Copies are available at the church doors. Cost is €2 for a colourful magazine full of interesting articles and information. Please take one.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

Danny Butler, Gaulstown. Requiem Mass at Johnswell at 11.00am on Monday

Patrick Hamilton, Chislehurst, Kent & formerly Lisdowney

Christine Power, Newpark

Tony Mahony, Assumption Place

Michael Bell, Beechlawns

Helen Drohan, Stephen Street

Madge O'Neill, Archers Avenue

Maureen Henderson, Waterford Road

Anniversaries: Joe Cleere (6.00pm); Michael Brophy (10.00am); Lena Cantwell (11.00am); O.N.E. Mass (11.30am); Tom & Carmel Ryan (7.00pm); Bishop Laurence Forristal; Liam O'Gorman; Margaret McGuinness; Seán Pielow; Joe Hennessy; Mick & Margaret Fitzgerald.

Lord, bring all who have died into Everlasting Life with you. Amen.

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm	Ann Daly
8.00am	Joe Browne
10.00am	Fiona & Sarah Manning
11.00am	Christy Murray & Maise Powell
11.30am	Kathleen Ferguson
7.00pm	Marie Fogarty

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection:	€1,115.00
Dunmore Baskets:	€71.00
Johnswell Baskets:	€112.00
St. John's Baskets:	€1,130.00

Thanks to all who contribute. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Eastern Environs Group

The Eastern Environs Community Group will recommence activities in the Parish Centre at 2.00pm on Wednesday 12th October. New members welcome.

Pope's Intention for October - A Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel. May the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Pilgrimage to Rome

The Ossory Faith Development Group Pilgrimage to Rome will take place from 9th to 14th March 2023. €710 p.p. sharing. For bookings contact: Kieran and Laura Troy, Newtown, Rahan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, Tel: 057 93 5505, info@myriam.ie.

Hail Holy Queen Conference

Hail Holy Queen Conference 2022 is live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2.00pm on Saturday, 15th October. Speakers include Fr. Vincent Stapleton, Antonia Moffat, Fr. Brian McKeivitt OP, Katrina Leyden. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland app, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at 01 437 3277.

Better Mental Health

Recovery Incorporated is a HSE funded charity which provides a specialised form of cognitive behavioural training to its members. There are no fees. All welcome. Meetings in St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy on Tuesday evenings, 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

Parish Confirmation Date 2023

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated with candidates from our parish schools on Saturday, 25th March 2023. It is expected the ceremony will take place at St. John's Church at 11.00am. Enrolment will take place very shortly.

First Eucharist Dates 2023

The young people from St. John's Junior School will make their First Holy Communion on 13th May 2023 while those attending Johnswell National School will receive First Eucharist on 20th May 2023. Pupils will be invited to enrol shortly.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 10th October

Monday:	(10.30am)	Margaret McGuinness
Saturday:	(10.30am)	Seán Pielow
	(6.00pm)	MM Liam Walsh
Sunday:	(11.00am)	Frank & Collette Dalton
	(11.30am)	Molly Bergin
	(7.00pm)	MM William Lynch

*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near!
Still loved, still missed and very dear.*

Parish Webcam

All Masses and Services at St. John's Church are broadcast on at stjohnskilkenny.com and on Radio on 106.8FM. Please tell those who live away and those who are unable to attend Mass.

Weekdays

8.00am and 10.30am.

Saturdays

10.30am and 6.00pm.

Sundays

8.00am, 11.30am 7.00pm.

Patron Saint of Kilkenny City

Our beautiful city and county, Kilkenny, took its name from a man called Cainnech or Canice, whose feast day is celebrated on Tuesday, 11th October. The word 'Kilkenny' is the anglicized version of two Irish words, *Cill*, the Irish for church, and *Cainnech* being of course 'Canice'. St. Canice was born in Co. Derry around 527. Though his people were poor, he studied at Clonard under Finnian and at Glasnevin under Mobhi. A deep friendship developed between himself and Columba, with whom he worked for a time in Scotland, where he set up a number of churches. In Ireland his principal foundation was in Aghaboe in Ossory, but this was replaced centuries later by his church in Kilkenny. St. Canice knew how to make the best of a situation. His good humour and readiness to help won him many friends and helpers in preaching the Good News. We can ask him to show us how to be as good and cheerful a friend as he was. St. Canice died in 603.

A Prayer on the Feast of St. Canice

O God of mercy,
in joy and in sorrow,
turn our minds and hearts to you,
and with the abbot Saint Canice to plead for us,
grant that nothing, in life or in death,
may sever us from your love.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Prayer on Lighting a Candle

In conjunction with the placement of our new candelabra we offer the following prayer.



Lord, may this candle be a light for you to enlighten me in my difficulties and decisions.
May it be a fire for you to burn out of me all pride, selfishness, and impurity.
May it be a flame for you to bring warmth into my heart towards my family, my neighbours and all those who meet me.
Through the prayers of Mary Virgin and Mother, I place in your care those I came to remember especially

I cannot stay long here with you in your church. In leaving this candle, I wish to give you something of myself. Help me to continue my prayer into everything I do this day. Amen.